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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 17, 1998

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth A. Cheadle at 7:35 p.m. on February 17, 1998, at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon, Beverly Hills, California.

2. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ms. Sakai; Mr. Daniel; Mr. Erickson; Mr. Hisserich; Mr. Berger, Vice-Chair; and Ms. Cheadle, Chair. The following members were in attendance subsequent to Roll Call: Mr. Begley and Mr. Schwartz. The following members were absent: Mr. Sybert. Quorum present.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Ms. Crane; Mr. Lange; Mr. Putnam; Mr. Warner; Mr. Robinson; and Ms. Briner-Schmidt, Chair. The following members were in attendance subsequent to Roll Call: Mr. Brown; Ms. Caldwell; Mr. Seymour; Ms. Devine; and Mr. Kishbaugh Vice-Chair. The following members were absent: Ms. Carpenter; Mr. Evans; Mr. Green; and Ms. Palmer. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director;

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Belinda V. Faustinos, Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Staff Counsel; Rorie Skei, Division Chief; Cynthia D'Agosta, Division Chief; Paul Edelman, Deputy Division Chief; John Diaz, Chief of Planning and Land Acquisition; Bonnie Kopp, Deputy Division Chief; Amy Lethbridge, Division Chief; Bob Blumenfield, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs; Rhett Robb, Project Analyst and Maureen Ney, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General.

4. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

Ms. Karen Pederson spoke on agenda item 6.

Mr. Edward Webb spoke on agenda item 6.

Ms. Clare Marter-Kenyon spoke on agenda item 6.

5. Reports

The Conservancy and the Advisory Committee received verbal reports from the Chairperson, the Coastal Commission representative, and the Attorney General representative.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown and Ms. Devine.

6. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority conditionally exchange approximately 5,500 square feet of Elyria Canyon for a greater amount of adjoining private land and other considerations, Mount Washington.

Paul Edelman presented the staff report on this item and added staff recommendations to include restrictions on invasive, non-native plants, and to include a formula that will encourage the propagation of sucker-sprouting plants.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown, Ms. Briner-Schmidt, Ms. Devine, Mr. Lange, and Mr. Berger.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded by Mr. Lange, the Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-9 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Upon motion by Mr. Daniel, duly seconded by Mr. Berger, Resolution No. 98-9 as amended was unanimously adopted by the Conservancy.

7. Consideration of resolution approving comment letter on Draft Environment Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for Valencia Company's proposed long-term 404 permit and 1603 Streambed Alteration Agreement, Santa Clara River and tributaries, Santa Clarita Valley.

Rorie Skei presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Putnam and Ms. Devine.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Upon motion of Mr. Seymour, duly seconded by Ms. Crane, the Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-10.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Cheadle.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Upon motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded by Mr. Erickson, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 98-10.

8. Consideration of resolution approving comment letter on Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report For Los Angeles Mission College Land Acquisition and Expansion Project in the Pacoima Wash, Sylmar.

Paul Edelman presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown, Ms. Briner-Schmidt, and Mr. Kishbaugh.

Upon motion of Mr. Seymour, duly seconded by Mr. Brown, the Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-11.

Upon motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded by Mr. Begley, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 98-11.

9. Consideration of resolution approving comment letter on Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Tentative Tract Map No. 52414, Golden Valley Ranch project, Placerita Canyon, City of Santa Clarita.

Paul Edelman presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to the staff by Mr. Brown, and Mr. Putnam.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded by Mr. Seymour, the Advisory Committee recommended the adoption of Resolution No. 98-12 ten to one, with Ms. Devine abstaining.

Upon motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded by Ms. Sakai, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution 98-12.

10. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Specified Project Grant Program for the Welsh property, City of Los Angeles (APN 5205-004-010).

Cynthia D'Agosta presented the staff report on this item.

Upon motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-13.

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Upon motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded by Mr. Begley, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 98-13.

11. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire .72 acres, Catellus property, City of Maywood (APN 6314-032-007).

Cynthia D'Agosta presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to the staff by Ms. Devine and Mr. Brown.

Upon motion of Mr. Seymour, duly seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Advisory Committee unanimously approved adoption of Resolution No. 98-14.

Upon motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded by Mr. Daniel, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 98-14.

Upon motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded by Mr. Begley The Conservancy unanimously approved rescinding recommendation of adoption of the above resolution pending information to be given in closed session.

Upon motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded by Mr. Daniel, the Conservancy unanimously rescinded adoption of Resolution No. 98-14.

12. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority transfer approximately one acre of Ritter Ranch/Sierra Pelona Open Space to the City of Palmdale for use as a police, fire, and municipal emergency repeater site, as outlined in Section 5.3.2 of the Ritter Ranch Development Agreement.

Rorie Skei presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to the staff by Mr. Brown

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded by Mr. Lange, the Advisory Committee unanimously recommended

adoption of Resolution No. 98-15.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Erickson and Ms. Cheadle.

Upon motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded by Mr. Erickson the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 98-15.

13. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amend grant to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to provide for visitor center interpretive displays at the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area headquarters.

Mr. Erickson commented on this item.

Questions were propounded to the staff by Mr. Lange, Ms. Briner-Schmidt.

Upon motion of Ms. Crane, duly seconded by Mr. Putnam the Advisory Committee unanimously approved staff recommendation.

Upon motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded by Mr. Begley the Conservancy approved the staff recommendation 5-1 with Mr. Erickson abstaining..

14. Consideration of resolution recommending a FY 97/98 Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority budget amendment for the purposes of trail construction at Canyons 6, 7, and 8 in Hacienda Heights funded by the Puente Hills Native Habitat Preservation Authority.

Amy Lethbridge of staff commented on this item.

Upon motion of Mr. Robinson, duly seconded by Mr. Lange the Advisory Committee unanimously approved staff recommendation.

Upon motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded by Mr. Daniel the Conservancy unanimously approved the staff recommendation.

15. Minutes

There were none

:16. Closed Session (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(8)(A) Section 11126.3(a) and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) paragraphs (1)-(5) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.)

a) Instructions to negotiators and/or possible legal action regarding 1518 acres owned by Eastport Associates, Upper Mandeville Canyon, City of Los Angeles and *In Re Eastport Assoc.* 5V87-05367-A.G.;

b) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation:
Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al; and
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Tucker Land Company.

The Chair called the closed session to order at 9:04 p.m.

The Conservancy advised staff on issues regarding Agenda Item 11.

The Chair reconvened the public session at 9:46 p.m.

17. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Upon motion of Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Brown, the Advisory Committee failed to advise staff to add an agenda item on the next agenda to discuss what issues the Conservancy is required to support in relation to SOKA University, specifically the use of the proposed visitor center.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Putnam, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Seymour, Mr. Lange, Mr. Hisserich,

Mr. Kishbaugh called for the question, motion approved.

Mr. Kishbaugh asked about the status of the development monitoring matrix.

Ms. Briner-Schmidt asked about new rosters.

Mr. Berger asked about flood damage in the recent rains.

Mr. Daniel discussed his recent trip to see Heli-tankers in action.

New staff members were introduced.

Mr. Lange.

18. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on March 16, 1998. There being no further business, Mr. Daniel adjourned the meeting in memory of Turnley Walker at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson